CIVIL AND FAMILY E-FILING MANUAL



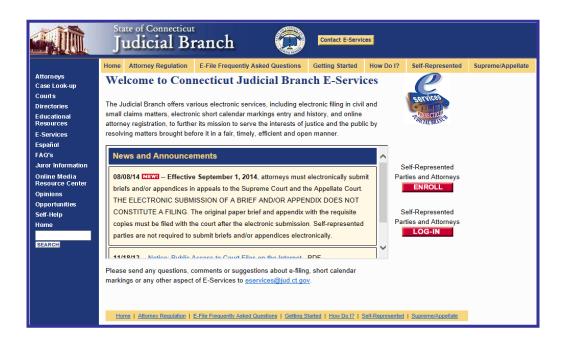
A Guide for Attorneys and Law Firms

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Before you enroll in E-Services you should check your browser requirements by selecting the **Getting Started** tab and clicking on **Hardware and Software Requirements**. There is no charge for enrollment.

- 1. In the address bar, type http://www.jud.ct.gov
- 2. Click on **E-Services** in the left menu to go to the E-Services Welcome Page:



3. Click on Enroll below Self-Represented Parties and Attorneys; the following screen will appear:



- 4. Click the link to see additional information on the Enrollment Application Process.
- 5. Click **Enroll** to go directly to the enrollment page

Note: All required data is indicated by red asterisks.



- 6. Click in each field and fill in the necessary information
- 7. Be sure to **Print** the E-Services Enrollment screen for your records before you click **Enroll**
- 8. Click on **ENROLL** at the bottom of the page
- 9. Verify your email address by clicking **OK**

Note: Your password will be mailed to you by U.S. Mail within seven days at the address that you have on file with the Statewide Grievance Committee.

E-FILING A NEW CIVIL CASE

Since December of 2009, with a few exceptions, all **civil case types** have been e-filable. A list of the exceptions to mandatory e-filing can be found in the revised **Procedures and Technical Standards for E-Services**. All filers are strongly encouraged to review these procedures and technical standards, which contain important information and requirements on e-filing and E-Services.

In all civil matters, with a few exceptions, e-filing by attorneys and firms without an exclusion from electronic services requirements **is mandatory** for newly-filed cases and all existing e-filable cases. Self-represented Parties are allowed to enroll in E-Services and request electronic access to their Superior Court civil cases in order to file and look at documents and mark short calendar matters in their civil cases electronically.

Note: An e-filable case may be identified by its docket number. If the number that follows the year is a 5 or a 6, the case is e-filable (for example, HHD CV 14 5001234 or FBT FA 14 6021015). If the number that follows the year is a 4, the case is not e-filable (for example, HHB CV 09 4000196 or FST FA 13-4001432).

Payment of **all court fees** for filing documents electronically in any e-filable cases must be made electronically through e-filing. Payment can be made by credit card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover) by attorneys, law firms and self-represented parties. Payment by attorneys and law firms may also be made by electronic check.

In family matters, on December 15, 2014, e-filing in newly-filed family matters will be available for the following case types: dissolution of marriage (F 00), legal separation (F 10), annulment (F 20) and civil union - dissolution, legal separation and annulment (F 50).

In all family matters for which e-filing is available, e-filing by attorneys and firms without an exclusion from electronic services requirements is mandatory. Self-represented Parties are allowed to enroll in E-Services and request electronic access to any e-filable Superior Court family cases to file and look at documents and mark short calendar matters in their cases electronically.

Initiate a New Civil Case

Before you begin electronic filing, prepare the Summons and Complaint or other documents that you will be serving on the defendant or defendants and have the documents served on the appropriate party or parties. When the documents are returned to you by the marshal, scan and save the summons, complaint and any exhibits, and the marshal's return as three separate PDF documents. If you have an "Additional Parties Page," that document must be scanned and saved as a separate PDF document.

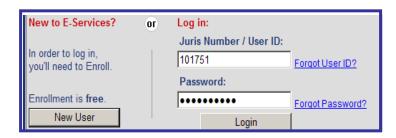
Note: Some case types require the inclusion of other types of documents such as an application or an order for hearing and notice, or the filing of documents prior to the service on the defendant. You would also prepare those documents and convert them to PDF and file them with the court **prior to service** so that the Clerk of the Court can enter a date or other necessary information.

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- 2. Click on **E-Services** in the left menu to go to the E-Services Welcome Page:



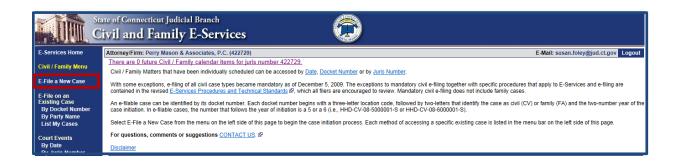
- 3. Click Log-in; a Security Alert may appear
- 4. Click OK
- 5. Enter the juris number and password

Note: All e-filing transactions are attributed to the logged-in juris number. Generally, you will login with the firm juris number for this reason. Use the individual juris number of the attorney to sign documents. If you forget the password, click on **Forgot Password?** for help.



- 6. Click Login; you will see the E-Services Home Page:
- 7. Choose Civil/Family Menu from the menu on the E-Services page





8. Choose E-file A New Case from the menu on the Civil/Family Menu page; you will see the following page:



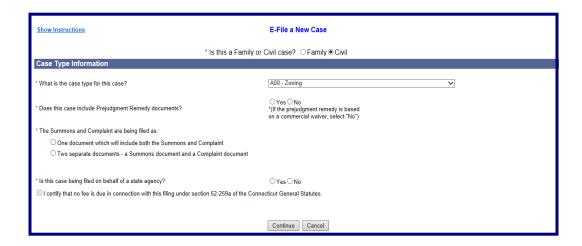
9. Click the button to the left of **Civil**; you will see the following page:



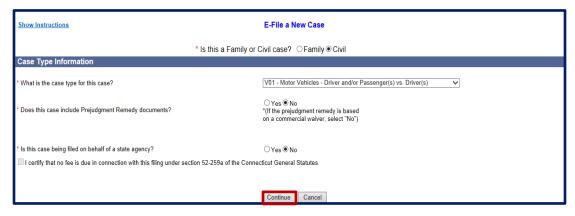
- 10. Click the drop down arrow to select the case type you wish to file from the list
- 11. Click "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether the case includes Prejudgment Remedy documents

Note: If you select "Yes," you will be directed to file your action at the Clerks' Office since you cannot electronically initiate cases that include prejudgment remedy documents. Documents filed in the case after this initial filing must be filed electronically. **Do not** select "yes" if the prejudgment remedy is **based upon a commercial waiver**. You can file a case with a PJR based upon a commercial waiver electronically. Include all documents with your complaint when filing a case with a PJR based upon a commercial waiver.

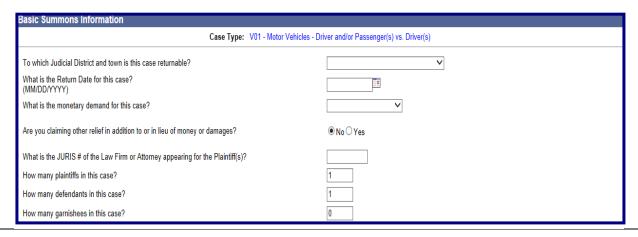
12. If the case type selected is an Administrative Appeal, the following screen will appear:



- 13. Click next to the format that matches your summons and complaint: one document or two separate documents;
- 14. You will also be asked to indicate whether the case is being filed on behalf of a state agency. If you select "yes," you will be asked to certify that no fee is due in connection with your filing under section 52-259a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Do not select "Yes" unless, under the statute, no court entry fee is due in connection with your filing.



15. Choose Continue; the following screen will appear



Enter Basic Summons Information

The information that you enter must match the information in the summons that was served on the *defendant(s)*. You cannot correct any errors in your summons as served while you are entering your information here.

1. Under Basic Summons Information, click the drop-down arrow to select the Judicial District and Town

Note: You may use the **Tab** button on your keyboard to move from one field to the next one.

2. Click on the Calendar icon to the right of the field to select the return date

Note: Click on the *month* in the upper-right or left corners of the calendar to view other months

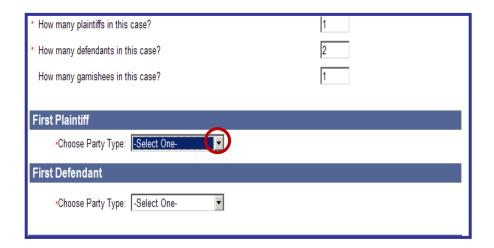
- 3. Click on the **Date** that is on your summons as a return date
- 4. Click the drop-down arrow to select the monetary demand
- 5. Click in the appropriate circle to respond to the query regarding other relief sought

Note: In a foreclosure action, please select "No Monetary Demand" and "yes" for other relief sought.

6. Enter the appropriate JURIS # in the field

Note: This JURIS # must be the same as the login JURIS # in order to successfully complete the filing process.

- 7. Click the drop-down arrow to select the **number of plaintiffs**
- 8. Click the drop-down arrow to select the number of defendants
- 9. Click the drop-down to select the **number of garnishees**, if appropriate.
- 10. As you scroll down, you will see the area where you will enter basic information about the first named plaintiff and first named defendant.





Enter First Plaintiff and First Defendant

1. Click the drop-down arrow to identify the **status of the First Named Plaintiff** (i.e., Person, Person PPA, Firm/Corporation, Government Entity or Executor/Administrator). Depending upon your selection, you will be asked to provide different information. For example, the following screen shows what information is required when you select **Person:**

*Choose Party Type: Person

Middle Name: Suffix:

Inmate Number

* Last Name: Simpsor First Name: Homer First Plaintiff's Name as indicated on the Summons or other documents

Examples: DBA, AKA, FKA, Executor/Administrator or other info as appears on the Summons

- 2. If the First Named Plaintiff is a Person, enter the **Last Name** in the Last Name field
- 3. Enter the First Name in the First Name field
- 4. Enter the **Middle Initial** (if any) in the Middle Initial field (MI)
- 5. In the area marked "Name Info Continued," you could enter any additional information.
- 6. If the First Named Plaintiff is a *Person, Firm/Corporation, Government Entity or Executor/Administrator*, enter the name of the **corporation**, firm, or **government entity** in the field provided.
- 7. Click the drop-down arrow to identify the status of the First Named Defendant
- 8. If the First Named Defendant is a person, enter the Last Name in the Last Name field
- 9. Enter the First Name in the First Name field
- 10. Enter the Middle Initial (if any) in the Middle Initial field (MI)
- 11. If the First Named Defendant is a *Corporation, Firm* or *Government Entity*, enter the name of the **corporation**, firm, or **government entity** in the field provided.

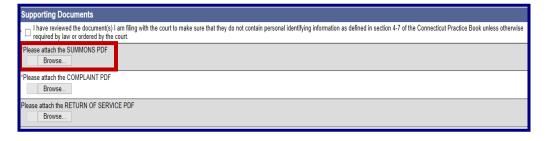
Attach Supporting Documents

You must attach the documents for the case that you are returning. You may have a single document that is both summons and complain or a separate document for the summons and for the complaint, or you may have additional documents to attach, depending upon the case type you are filing. All documents must be in PDF format, a file format that retains the way a document appears regardless of the software that was used to create the file.

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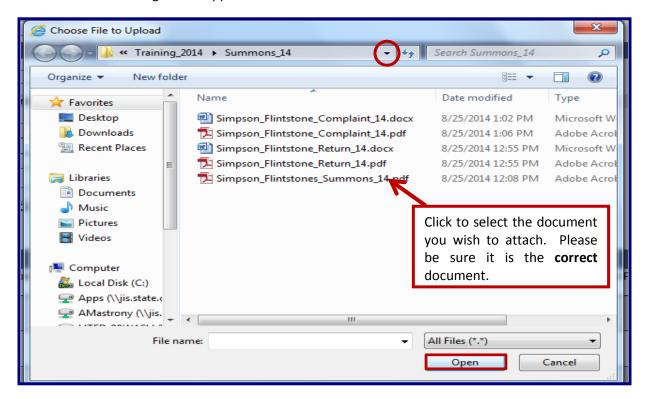
- 12. Click in the box next to the certification regarding the redaction of personal identifying information.
- 13. Click on the **Browse** button to locate the **Summons** file. If you are filing a single document (both summons and complaint), you must attach that document here.

Note: The Judicial Branch does not require any particular format when you name the PDF documents. However, avoid using special characters and do not include spaces in the name of your document.



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- 14. Click the down-arrow to choose the location in which the Summons file is stored.
- 15. You will see the following screen appear:

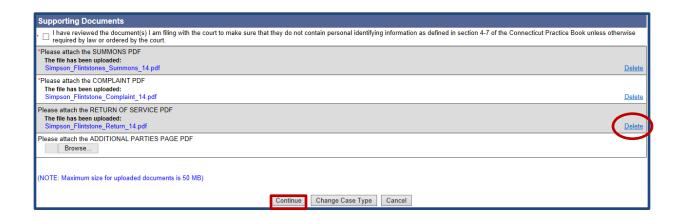


16. Click once to select the file and click **Open**; the file will appear in the box under Summons for this case (shown below)



- 17. Click Browse to the right of the field to locate the Complaint file
- 18. Click the down-arrow to choose the location in which the Complaint file is stored
- 19. Click once to select the file and click **Open**; the file will appear in the box under Complaint for this case (shown below). You can also click twice on the file name, and the document will upload.
- 20. Click Browse to the right of the field to locate the Return of Service file
- 21. Click the down-arrow to choose the location in which the Return of Service file is stored
- 22. Click once to select the file and click **Open**; the file will appear in the box under Return of Service for this case
- 23. If you have an additional parties page, you would browse and attach that document in the same way that you have browsed and attached the prior three documents.

24. Click the **Continue** button at the bottom of the page. Give the system time to upload your documents.



Note: If you realize that you have not attached the correct documents, you can click **Delete** to the right of the document to remove the uploaded document. Then click **Browse** to select and upload the correct one.

25. If you listed more than one plaintiff or defendant, you will see a screen that asks you to fill in fields with additional information about these parties.

Note: If you are not asked to provide information on all the parties named in your summons, make sure that you entered the correct number of parties at the top of the screen.



- 26. Click the drop-down arrow to identify the Status of the Additional Party (i.e., Person, Person DBA, Corporation/Firm, Government Entity or Executor/Administrator). You will enter the information for each additional party that is requested.
- 27. If the party is a *person*, enter the **Last Name** in the Last Name field; enter the **First Name** in the First Name field; and enter the **Middle Initial** (if any) in the Middle Initial field (MI)
- 28. If the party is a *Corporation/Firm* or *Government Entity*, enter the name of the **corporation/firm** or **government entity** in the field provided for corporation or government parties
- 29. Click Continue at the bottom of the page to go to the verify data and documents page

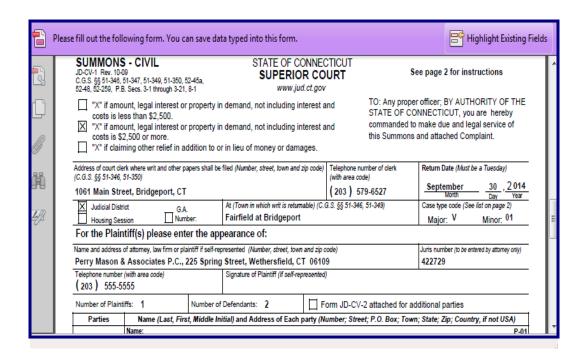
Note: Remember to always use the gray buttons at the bottom of the page to navigate around the e-filing system. Do not use the **Back** button on your browser.

30. Review the summary information as well as the documents that you have attached. Be sure to review all information that you have entered regarding the case at this screen.

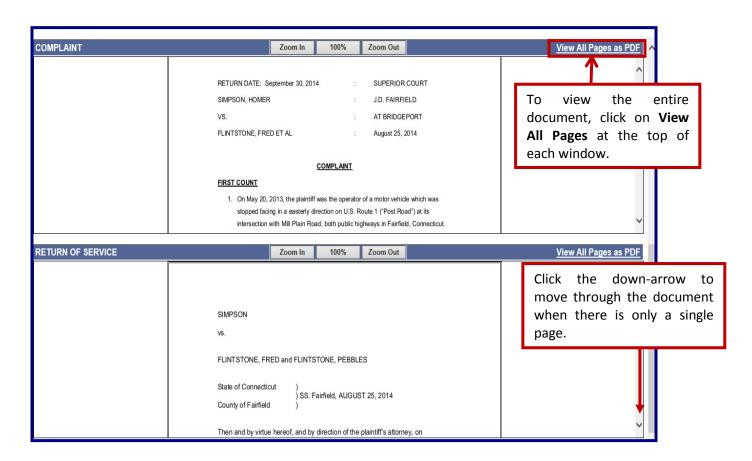
Note: You can check the location of the judicial district to which you are returning this case on this page.



- 31. Check to be sure that you have selected the correct documents by scrolling in each window. Each document that you are filing appears in a separate window.
- 32. The documents will each display in a separate window.



Note: E-filing does not screen your documents, so you must check them yourself.

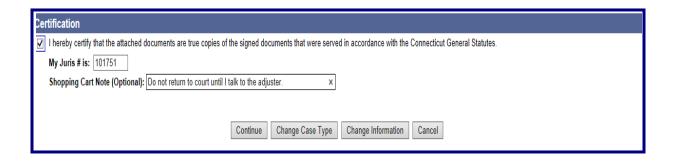


33. If you find any mistakes in the information you have entered or in the documents you have attached, use the gray buttons at the bottom of the screen to navigate through the e-filing system to correct the mistakes.



Note: DO NOT click the *Back* button on your browser or the *Cancel* button to return to the previous page. Clicking either button will clear the information that you have entered. Use ONLY the **gray buttons** provided at the bottom of each screen to move back and forth in e-filing. **Change Case Type** will return you to the first screen in case initiation; **Change Information** will return you to the last screen, where you entered the information from the summons and attached the documents. If you need to change the information that you entered regarding additional parties, you will have to click the **Change Information** button and then click the **Continue** button on the bottom of that page to return to the **Additional Parties** page.

34. If all information is correct, click in the box under Certification.



35. Enter the individual juris number in the field provided

Note: The juris number <u>cannot</u> be a firm number. It must be an **individual** juris number to comply with P.B. Sections 4–2 and 4-4 which require that a filer sign documents with an individual juris number.

- 36. You may also enter notes that will appear in the shopping cart and can be seen only by the logged-in juris number. For example, you could enter a client file number or indicate that this case should not be filed before a certain date.
- 37. Click the **Continue** button to move to the payment screen

Process a Payment

You can look at the documents you are filing by clicking on the links. If you find any errors, you will have to remove the item from the shopping cart and begin again. To remove the item, click on the **Remove Item from Shopping Cart** link beneath the **Payment Amount**. You will be asked to confirm that you want to delete the item and cancel the transaction.

1. Click in the box to the left of the item you are paying for:



Note: If you want to process payment on several items simultaneously, you can click next to each item you want to pay for. If you want to file additional cases or documents, do not click in the box. Instead, click on **Return to Civil/Family Menu** to return to the menu and file new cases or new documents in other cases. Unpaid Items will remain in the shopping cart for 56 days. These items <u>are not filed</u> until the fee is paid.

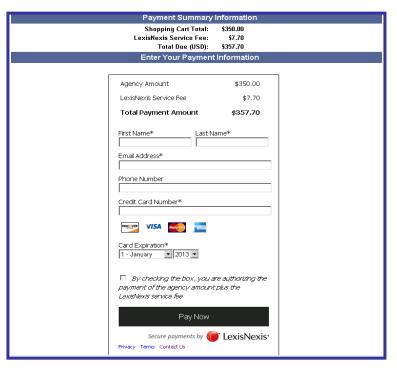
- 2. Select either Pay by Credit Card or Pay by Check at the bottom of the screen
- 3. To pay by check, fill in the required fields for **Name, Routing/Transit Code, and Bank Account number.** You will enter account and routing code numbers twice.

Note: The Judicial Branch does not capture this information in its database. Therefore, you will have to enter this information each time you file an item that requires payment.



Note: If you have a debit filter on your account, which means that the account holder has told the bank that only certain people/companies are allowed to debit your account, you must notify your bank to allow a debit on your account for e-filing payments. Otherwise, the debit will not be permitted by your bank and the e-check will be returned unpaid to the Judicial Branch. For additional information, please contact E-Services Support at (866) 765-4452.

To pay by credit card, fill in the fields for **first name and last name**, **e-mail address**, **telephone number (optional)**, **credit card number**, **and expiration date**. **Note**: The Judicial Branch accepts **Visa**, **American Express**, **MasterCard and Discover** credit cards.



4. Click **Pay Now** after filling in all required information; a confirmation screen will appear with payment information on the total payment and document summary information on each document filed.



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Note: A service fee is charged on payments made by credit card. The service fee is computed on the amount of the total payment. The service fee is not broken down for each individual item paid for in a single transaction.

5. Print or save this confirmation page for your records. If you do not print this page, you can view and save a copy of the confirmation page by going to **My E-Filed Items** on the **Civil/Family Menu**, choosing a time frame of up to thirty days at a time, and selecting **Details** to the right of the item for which you need the confirmation page. If you select the payment number, you will see the **Payment Information** for the whole payment transaction.

Note: You can sign up for e-mail updates by clicking on the link on this confirmation page.

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In these e-filable family matters, e-filing by attorneys and firms without an exclusion from electronic services requirements is mandatory. Self-represented Parties are allowed to enroll in E-Services and request electronic access to any e-filable Superior Court family cases to initiate case, file and look at documents and mark short calendar matters in their family cases electronically.

Initiate a New Family Case

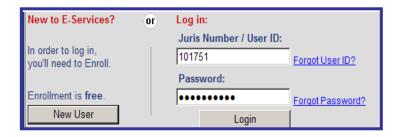
Before you begin electronic filing, prepare the Summons, Complaint, Notice of Automatic Orders or other documents that you will be serving on the defendant or defendants and have the documents served on the appropriate party or parties. When the documents are returned to you by the marshal, scan and save the Summons, Complaint, Notice of Automatic Orders, and the marshal's return as four separate PDF documents. If you have an pendente lite motions, those document must be scanned and saved as a **separate** PDF documents, and filed after you finish initiating your new case.

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- 2. Click on **E-Services** in the left menu to go to the E-Services Welcome Page:

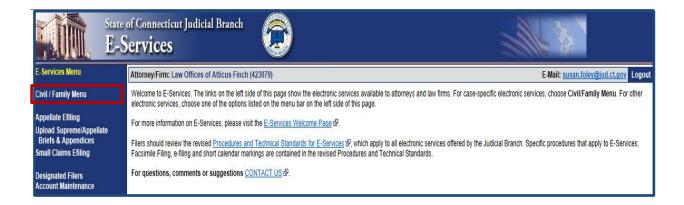


- 3. Click Log-in; a Security Alert may appear
- 4. Click OK
- Enter the juris number and password

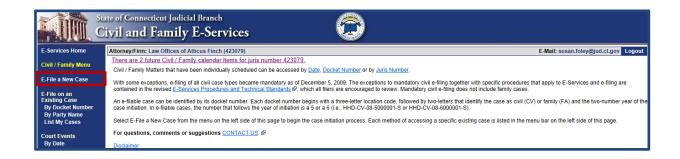
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6. Click Login; you will see the E-Services Home Page:



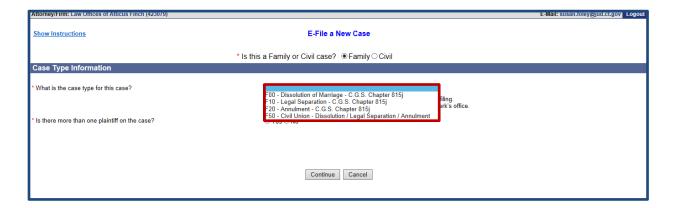
- 7. Choose Civil/Family Menu from the menu on the E-Services Menu
- 8. Choose **E-file A New Case** from the menu on the Civil/Family Menu page;



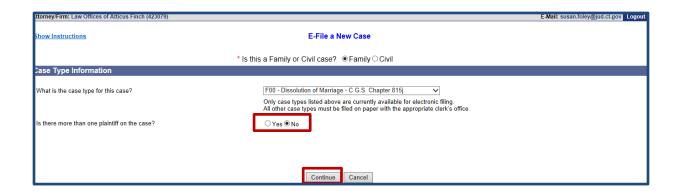
9. Click the button to the left of Family on the page that displays to go to the E-file a New Case page:



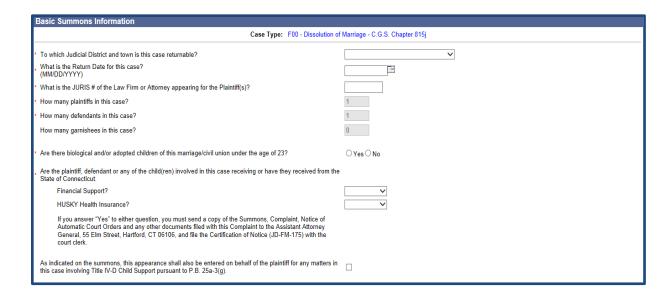
10. Click the drop down arrow to select the case type you wish to file from the list. **Note:** Only case types listed in the drop down are currently available for electronic filing family matters. If your case type is not listed, you must file it on paper with the appropriate clerk's office.



11. Click "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether the case includes more than one plaintiff.



12. Select **Continue**; the following screen will appear:



Enter Basic Summons Information

The information that you enter must match the information in the summons that was served on the *defendant*. You cannot correct any errors in your summons as served while you are entering your information here.

1. Under Basic Summons Information, click the drop-down arrow to select the Judicial District and Town

Note: You may use the **Tab** button on your keyboard to move from one field to the next one.

2. Click on the Calendar icon to the right of the field to select the return date

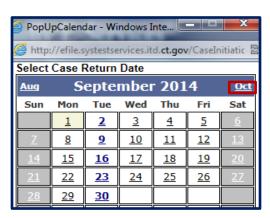
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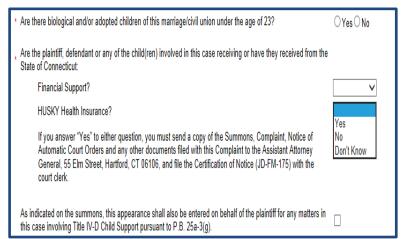
- 3. Click on the **Date** that is on your summons as a return date
- 4. Enter the appropriate JURIS # in the field

Note: This JURIS # must be the same as the login JURIS # in order to successfully complete the filing process.

- 5. The **number of plaintiffs** defaults to 1 for these case types
- 6. The **number of defendants** defaults to 1 for these case types
- 7. The **number of garnishees** defaults to 0.
- 8. Click "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether there are biological and/or adopted children of the marriage or civil union under the age of 23.
- Click the drop-down arrow to respond to each question regarding plaintiff, defendant or child(ren) receiving financial support or HUSKY Health Insurance from the State of Connecticut.

Note: If you respond "Yes" to either question, you must send a copy of the Summons, Complaint, Notice of Automatic Court Orders and any other documents filed with the Complaint to the Assistant Attorney General, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106, and file the Certification of Notice (JD-FM-175) with the court clerk.





- 10. Check the box to indicate that, as indicated on the summons, the appearance shall also be entered on behalf of the plaintiff for any matters in this case involving Title IV-D Child Support pursuant to P.B. 25a-3(g).
- 11. As you scroll down, you will see the area where you will enter basic information about the parties.

Enter First Plaintiff and Defendant

- 1. Click the drop-down arrow to identify the **status of the First Named Plaintiff** (i.e., Person or Person PPA). Depending upon your selection, you will be asked to provide different information. For example, the following screen shows what information is required when you select **Person:**
- 2. Enter a **Prefix**, if applicable
- 3. If the First Named Plaintiff is a Person, enter the **Last Name** in the Last Name field
- 4. Enter the First Name in the First Name field
- 5. Enter the **Middle Initial** (if any) in the Middle Initial field (MI)
- 6. Enter a **Suffix** by clicking the drop-down arrow.
- 7. Enter an **Inmate Number**, if applicable.
- 8. Enter a **Prefix**, if applicable
- 9. The status of the First Named Defendant defaults to Person.
- 10. Enter the Last Name in the Last Name field
- 11. Enter the First Name in the First Name field
- 12. Enter the Middle Initial (if any) in the Middle Initial field (MI)
- 13. Enter a **Suffix,** if applicable, by clicking the drop-down arrow.
- 14. Enter an Inmate Number, if applicable.

Attach Supporting Documents

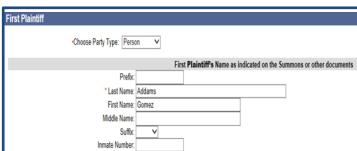
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- 15. Click in the box next to the certification regarding the redaction of personal identifying information.
- 16. Click on the **Browse** button to locate the **Summons** file.

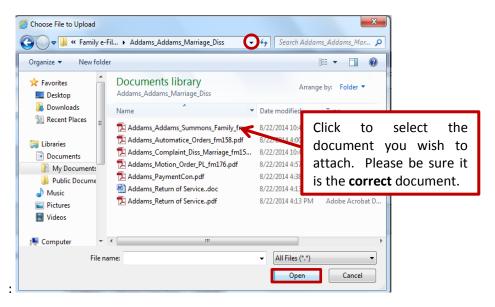
Note: The Judicial Branch does not require any particular format when you name the PDF documents. However, avoid using special characters and do not include spaces in the name of your document.





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- 17. Click the down-arrow to choose the location in which the Summons file is stored.
- 18. You will see the following screen appear:



19. Click once to select the file and click **Open**; the file will appear in the box under Summons for this case



- 20. Click Browse to the right of the field to locate the Complaint file
- 21. Click the down-arrow to choose the location in which the Complaint file is stored
- 22. Click once to select the file and click **Open**; the file will appear in the box under Complaint for this case. You can also click twice on the file name, and the document will upload.
- 23. Click Browse to the right of the field to locate the Notice of Automatic Court Orders file
- 24. Click the down-arrow to choose the location in which the Notice of Automatic Court Orders file is stored
- 25. Click once to select the file and click **Open**; the file will appear in the box under Notice of Automatic Court Orders
- 26. Click Browse to the right of the field to locate the Return of Service file
- 27. Click the down-arrow to choose the location in which the Return of Service file is stored
- 28. Click once to select the file and click **Open**; the file will appear in the box under Return
- 29. If you have a **Certification Public Assistance**, you would browse and attach that document in the same way that you have browsed and attached the prior three documents.
 - **Note:** If you have selected the incorrect file, you can delete the file you have attached by clicking **Delete** which is found all the way to the right
- 30. Click Continue at the bottom of the page; allow the system time to upload your documents.

E-FILE A NEW FAMILY CASE (CONTINUED)

31. Review the summary information and the documents that you have attached. Be sure to review all the information that you have entered regarding this case.



32. The documents will display separately in the windows.





33. If you find any mistakes in the information that your have entered or in the documents you have attached, use the gray buttons at the bottom of the screen to navigate through the e-filing system to return to the screen where you can correct the mistakes.

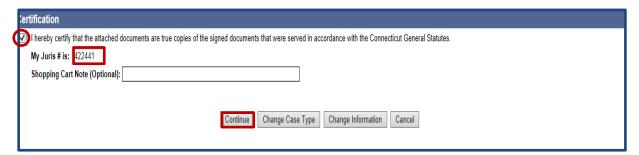


Note: DO NOT click the *Back* button on your browser or the *Cancel* button to return to the previous page. Clicking either button will clear the information that you have entered. Use ONLY the **gray buttons** provided at the bottom of each screen to move back and forth in e-filing. **Change Case Type** will return you to the first screen in case initiation. **Change Information** will return you to the last screen, where you entered the information from the summons and attached the documents.

E-FILING A NEW FAMILY CASE (CONTINUED)

- 34. If the information that you have entered and the documents that you have attached are correct, click in the box to certify that the documents attached are true copies of what was served on the defendant.
- 35. Enter the **individual** juris number in the field provided.

Note: The juris number <u>cannot</u> be a firm juris number. It must be an **individual** juris number to comply with the Practice Book sections 4-2 and 4-4 which require that a filer sign documents in e-filing with an individual juris number.



- 36. You may also enter notes that will appear in the shopping cart and can be seen only by the logged-in juris number. For example, you could enter a client file number or indicate that this case should not be filed before a certain date.
- 37. Click **Continue** to move to the payment screen.

Process a Payment

You can look at the documents you are filing by clicking on the links. If you find any errors, you will have to remove the item from the shopping cart and begin again. To remove the item, click on the **Remove Item from Shopping Cart** link beneath **Payment Amount**. You will be asked to confirm that you want to delete the item and cancel the transaction.

38. Click in the box to the left of the item you are paying for.



Note: If you want to process payment on several items at the same time, you can click next to each item you want to pay for. If you are paying by credit card, the service fee will not be shown for each individual item in a multi-item payment transaction. You will only see the total service fee for the transaction. If you need to have the service fee for each item you are filing, then file each item separately.

If you want to file additional cases or documents, do not click in the box. Instead, click on **Return to Civil/Family Menu** to return to the menu and file new cases or documents in other cases. Unpaid items will remain in the shopping cart for 56 days. These items in the shopping cart are *not* filed until the filing fee is paid.

- 39. Select Pay by Credit Card or Pay by Check at the bottom of the shopping cart.
- 40. To pay by check, fill in the required fields for **Name**, **Routing/Transit Code**, and **Bank Account Number**. You will be asked to enter the routing code and account number twice for verification purposes.

Note: The Judicial Branch does not capture any payment information in its database. Therefore, you will have to enter this information each time you file an item that requires payment.



Note: If you have a debit filter on your account, which means that the account holder has told the bank that only certain people/companies are allowed to debit the account, you must notify your bank to allow a debit on your account for efiling payments. Otherwise, the debit will not be permitted by your bank and the e-check will be returned unpaid to the Judicial Branch. For additional information, please contact E-Services Support at (866) 765-4452.

41. To pay by credit card, fill in the fields for **First and Last Name**, **Email Address**, **Phone Number (optional)**, **Credit Card Number**, and **Expiration Date**.

Note: The Judicial Branch accepts Visa, American Express, MasterCard and Discover credit cards.



42. Click **Pay Now** after filling in all the required information; a confirmation screen will appear with payment information on the total payment and document summary information on each document filed.



E-FILING A NEW FAMILY CASE (CONTINUED)

Note: A service fee is charged on payments made by credit card. The service fee is computed on the amount of the total payment. The service fee is not broken down individually for each item paid for in a single transaction.

- 43. Print or save the confirmation page for your records. If you do not print this page, you can view and save a copy of the confirmation page by going to **My E-Filed Items** on the **Civil/Family Menu**, choosing a time frame between one and thirty days, and searching for items filed during that time by the logged-in juris number. When you locate the item for which you need the confirmation page, select **Details** to the right of the item. If you select the payment confirmation number, you will see the **Payment Information** for the whole payment transaction.
- 44. If you have a pendente lite motion that was served together with your complaint, you should select **File Additional Document On This Case** to return to the case and file your motion.

Whether you are filing an appearance in a civil case or in a family case, the process is basically the same. An appearance is a system-populated form. A system-populated form is a form that the e-filing system will fill in based upon the information already in the system and a small amount of information that you will be asked to provide. The other system populated forms are: motions for continuance, reclaims, withdrawals of all kinds except withdrawals of appearance, certificates of closed pleadings (civil only), and jury claims (civil only).

- 1. In the address bar, type http://www.jud.ct.gov
- 2. Click on **E-Services** in the left menu to go to the E-Services Welcome Page:



- 3. Click **Log-in** at the bottom of the page; a **Security Alert** may appear
- 4. Click OK
- 5. Enter the juris number and password

Note: All e-filing transactions will be attributed to the logged-in juris number. Generally, the log-in juris number is the firm juris number for this reason. The individual juris number of the attorney is used to sign documents. If you forget the password, click on **Forgot Password?** for help.



- 6. Click Login
- 7. Click Civil/Family Menu in the menu bar on the left of the screen
- 8. Under E-File on an Existing Case on the e-filing menu, click By Party Name

Note: If you know the docket number of your case including the location code, you may use the **By Docket Number** option.

9. Type the **Party Name** in the Party Name box

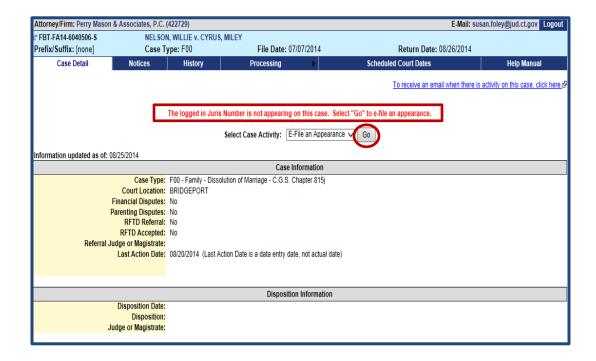
Note: The name of either the Plaintiff or the Defendant or the first three letters of either name will be enough to generate an alphabetical list of cases. You may also filter and sort the cases by choosing a location, a case category, or an order for the display of the cases.

10. Click on the **Docket Number** of the case that you wish to select





11. Choose **E-File an Appearance** from the drop-down arrow and click **Go** to get to the appearance screen



Note: Until you have filed an appearance, **E-file an Appearance** will be the only option that is available to you in this drop-down box. A message will appear on the screen stating that the logged in juris number has not filed an appearance in the file.

12. Click in the box next to the name of the specific party for whom you are appearing or select **All Plaintiffs** or **Defendants**

Note: If you are filing an appearance on behalf of a guardian ad litem (GAL) or an attorney for the minor child (AMC) in a family matter, or on behalf of a committee in a foreclosure action, the Clerk must enter "GAL", "AMC", or "Committee" as a party before you will be able to file your appearance. If you do not see the option to click next to those options, please call the court where the action is pending and ask that the appropriate entity be added as a party.



- 13. If you are attempting to file a limited appearance under P.B. section 3-3 (b) or 3-8 (b), you must file the limited appearance on paper with the appropriate clerk's office.
- 14. If you are filing an appearance in a family case, you must select whether the appearance is for matters in the Family Division Superior Court only, in the Title IV-D Child Support Matters, or in Family Division Superior Court and Title IV-D Child Support Matters.

Note: These questions will not appear if you are filing your appearance in a civil matter.

15. If you are filing an appearance in place of an appearance that is already on file or if you are filing an appearance in addition to an existing appearance, click in the appropriate boxes.

Note: If you want to fill in the area next to **Other**, you *must first select a party* for whom you are filing an appearance.

E-FILING AN APPEARANCE (CONTINUED)

- 16. Click **Yes** or **No** to indicate whether you agree to accept certification by email for documents filed by other parties in the case under Practice Book Section 10-13. If you agree to accept service electronically, other parties are *required* by Section 10-13 to send copies of what they file to you by e-mail. *The Court does not send notice* by email.
- 17. Click in the Telephone Number field and in the E-Mail Address field and enter the information

Note: If you agree to accept certification by email, be sure to fill in your email address.

- 18. Confirm your **individual JURIS** # which is your electronic signature on this appearance.
- 19. Click **Continue** to go to the certification of service page

Note: The information that you enter on this page will be printed on the form that the system creates for you to file. Practice Book Section 3-4 requires that whenever an appearance is filed in any civil or family action, a copy of that appearance must be mailed or delivered to all counsel and self-represented parties of record.

20. Review and provide the appropriate information about addresses of service;



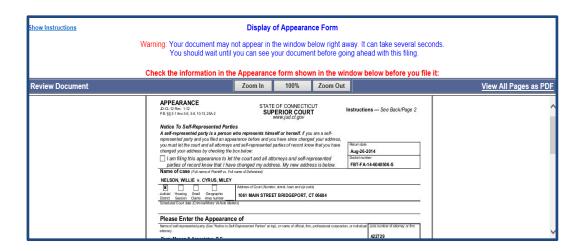
- 21. Sign your appearance by entering your individual juris number:
- 22. Enter the telephone number and the date of mailing or delivery



23. Click Continue

Note: DO NOT click the *Back* button on your browser or the *Cancel* button to return to the previous page. Clicking either button will clear the information that you have entered. Use ONLY the **gray buttons** provided at the bottom of the screen to move back and forth in e-filing.

24. Review your appearance when the form appears



25. Click **E-File this Appearance** after you have reviewed the appearance



26. The confirmation page will display



Note: You are required to print this screen or save it electronically for your file. If you do not print or save a copy of this screen, you can select **My E-Filed Items** from the **Civil/Family Menu** and view a list of your e-filings for a particular date or a particular period of time, up to thirty days. Click on **Details** next to the filing in the list that is displayed to obtain the confirmation page for the item.

27. Click on the Docket Number in order to return to the case detail page. You can now view all electronically viewable documents and file documents electronically in this matter. To return to the **Civil/Family Menu**, click **Return to Civil/Family Menu**.

E-FILING A PLEADING/MOTION IN A CIVIL CASE WITH A PREPARED PDF DOCUMENT

Certain documents cannot be filed electronically, including a pre-service application for order of notice, a motion to quash or for protective order filed on behalf of non-parties, a motion to be made a party or to intervene, applications for ex parte orders in family matters, and sealed or lodged documents. For a complete listing, please look at the revised **Procedures and Technical Standards of E-Services.**

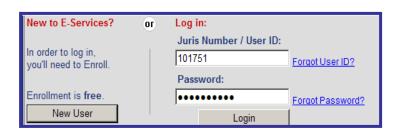
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1. Click on **E-Services** in the left menu to go to the E-Services Welcome Page:



- 2. Click **Log-in** at the bottom of the page; a **Security Alert** may appear
- 3. Click OK
- 4. Enter the juris number and password

Note: All e-filing transactions will be attributed to the logged-in juris number. Generally, the log-in juris number is the firm juris number for this reason. The individual juris number of the attorney is used to sign documents. If you forget the password, click on **Forgot Password?** for help.



- 5. Click **Login**
- 6. Click **Civil/Family Menu** in the menu bar on the left of the screen

Note: On this page, you will see a list of your cases in which recent activity has occurred. The red !New icon means activity has taken place in the last three days; the green !New icon means activity has taken place in the past fourteen days.

E-FILING A PLEADING/MOTION IN A CIVIL CASE WITH A PREPARED PDF DOCUMENT (CONTINUED)

7. Under **E-File on an Existing Case** on the e-filing menu, choose **List My Cases** to display a list of all cases in which you have an active appearance.

Note: You may also locate a case by choosing **By Docket Number** and filling in the requested fields with the location, category, year, and docket number or by name, by choosing **By Party Name** and filling in the name of either the plaintiff or defendant. The name of any party or the first three letters of a name will be enough to generate a list of cases.

8. The system will automatically populate the Juris Number field with the logged in juris number; you cannot change this number

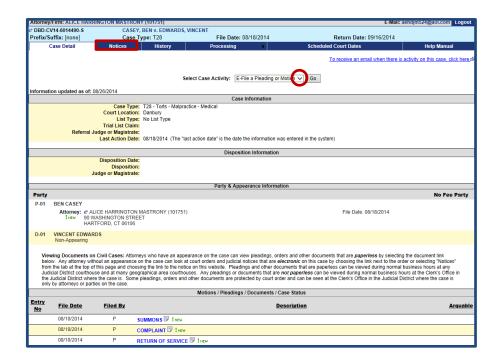


Note: Case Status will automatically default to **All Pending & Disposed Cases**. If you are looking for a family case, remember that a case in which a judgment of dissolution has been entered is considered "disposed" by the system. "Disposed" in this context does not mean "not active."

- 9. Click Search
- 10. Click on the **Docket Number** of the case that you wish to select



11. The **Case Detail** screen will appear. To view the document list, scroll down the page. To view judicial notices for the file, click on the **Notices** tab that appears on the left of your screen below the case name. (see screen below)



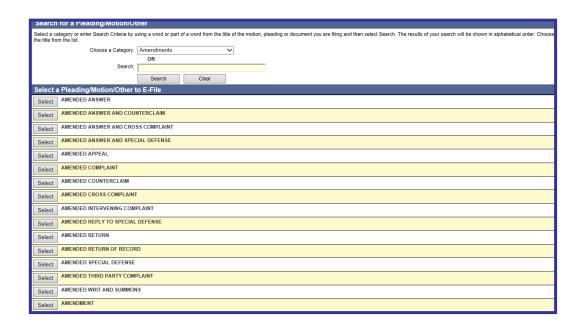
12. Click the drop-down arrow to the right of the **Select Case Activity** at the top of the screen (see screen above)

Note: If you have not yet filed an appearance in a case, the system will only offer you the option of filing an appearance. Once you have filed your appearance, you will see three options when you click the dropdown arrow.

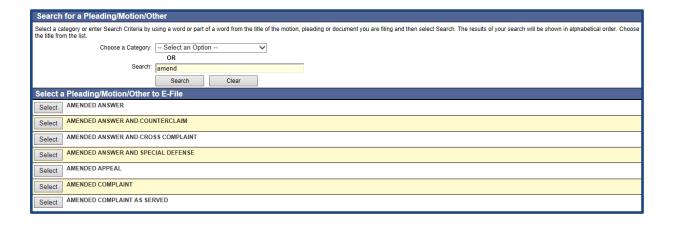
- 13. Select E-File A Pleading Or Motion
- 14. Click **GO** to get to the **Select Pleading/Motion/Other** screen
- 15. Select the party for whom you are filing the document if you represent more than one party in this case. If you represent only one party, it will appear automatically without your making any selection.
- 16. Click on the drop down arrow to **Choose a Category**



17. Click on a Category from the drop down to view a list of names of pleadings and motions in that category



18. You can also choose or enter a word into the **Search Criteria** field and click **Search** to generate a list of names to choose from.



Note: If you are having difficulty locating the appropriate name for the pleading or motion that you wish to file, enter the first three or four letters of a main word in the caption of your motion in the **Search Criteria** field and click **Search** to view a list of all options containing those letters.

When you are selecting the item you wish to file, you are indicating: (a) whether the item is to appear on a calendar (i.e., motions, applications or objections); (b) whether the item requires intervention by the clerk (i.e., requires the insertion of a hearing date and return to the filer); and (c) whether you will be attaching a document or filing a system-populated form. You are also selecting the name for your pleading that will be displayed on the calendar and on the case detail page.

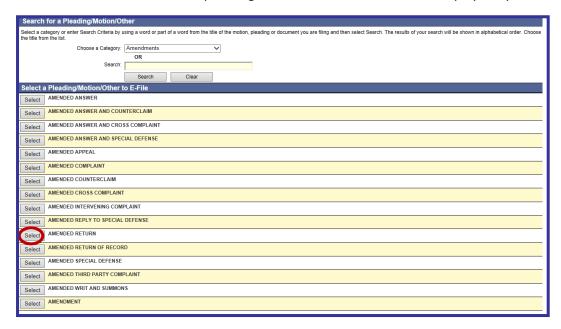
The system-populated forms are: Appearance, Motion for Continuance, Reclaim, Claim to Jury of 6, Certificate of Closed Pleadings and Withdrawals of all kinds except for Withdrawal of Appearance.

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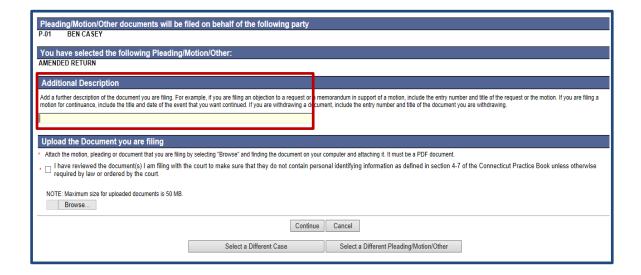
In some rare instances, you may not be able to find the exact name of the document that you are filing. The efiling system also contains "generic options" such as **Request** or **Motion – See File**; however, try to avoid using those options unless it is absolutely necessary.

Note: It is important that you select the name of your document carefully. For example, if you select "Motion for Extension of Time" instead of "Request for Extension of Time" when you are actually seeking an extension of time to respond to interrogatories under Practice Book Section 13-7 (a)(2), your request will appear on the short calendar even though no court action should be required.

19. Click Select to the left of the name of the pleading or motion from the list that is displayed by either method



20. You will be taken to the next page to upload your document



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21. Fill in the additional description of the pleading or motion you are filing

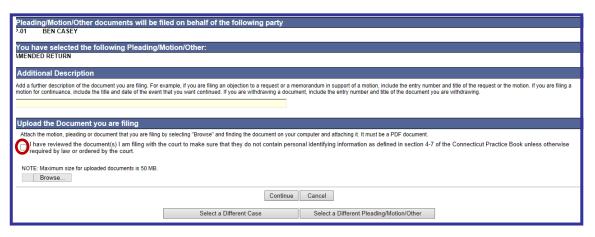
Note: Entering the additional description provides information that helps the Judge on the bench, other counsel and self-represented parties, and the court staff. It is also required by the revised <u>Procedures and Technical</u> <u>Standards of E-Services</u>.

Use the additional description area to:

- identify by name and entry number the motion to which the objection is being filed (#110 Motion to Compel);
- enter the name of the party or the party number of the party against whom a default or other order is being sought (Defendant James Ford, Party #53);
- reference by name and entry number the pleading in connection with which the supporting or opposing brief or memorandum is being filed (as to #103 Motion to Dismiss);
- list by entry number any other motions or pleadings that are relevant to the document being filed

Note: The information you enter in the additional description field appears on the case detail screen under the caption of the document you are filing.

22. Click to confirm that you have reviewed the documents you are filing to ensure that they do not contain personal identifying information as defined in section 4-7.



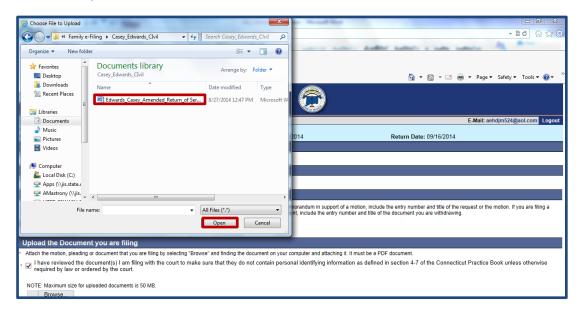
23. Click Browse to locate the PDF document that you wish to file

Note: Certain pleadings/motions are filed by providing information that then populates the fillable form (i.e., Reclaim, Jury Claim, Certificate of Closed Pleadings, Appearances, Motions for Continuance, and Withdrawals of all kinds, except Withdrawals of Appearance). These types of pleadings/motions are referred to as system-populated forms. For these pleadings/motions, you will need to fill in the required fields. You don't have the option to browse and attach a document that you have created if you have selected a system-populated form.

For all other pleadings/motions that you create or other types of fillable forms such as Executions or Exemption claim forms, you prepare the document, then convert it to PDF, and then submit the document in that format.

On the document that you create, you <u>may</u> include on the signature lines one of the following: the individual juris number, a typed name, a facsimile signature, or a pen-to-paper signature. However, regardless of anything that appears on the signature lines of an e-filed document, a document filed through e-filing is signed for the purposes of Section 4-2 and Section 10-14 of the Practice Book because of the entry in the e-filing system of the individual juris number of the attorney who electronically files the document.

24. In the Choose file to Upload box, click the down-arrow to choose the location in which the document is stored



- 25. Click once on the document you wish to attach.
- 26. Click **Open**; the file will appear beneath the **Browse** button
- 27. Click Continue



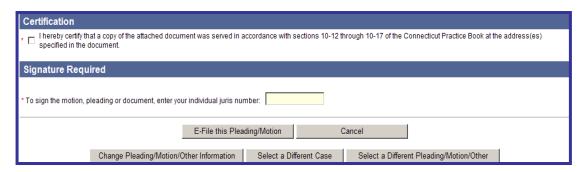
Note: This next screen allows you to review the pleading/motion that you are filing. Be sure to review the entire document you are filing. E-filing does not screen your document. Click **View All Pages as PDF** at the top right of the display window to look at all pages of your document.

24. Review your document

Note: If you are having difficulty seeing your document, please be sure that your PDF viewer (for example, Adobe Reader) is up-to-date (for Adobe Acrobat® Reader ®, 9.0 or higher), and that you are using a supported browser Microsoft Internet Explorer® 9 or higher, or Firefox 25.0 or higher. Do not use Google Chrome to access E-Services of e-filing because document uploading issues can occur.

25. Click in the box under **Certification**

- 26. Fill in your individual juris number (not the firm juris number) to sign your pleading
- 27. Click the E-File this Pleading/Motion button



Note: You may click on Cancel, Change Pleading/Motion/Other Information, Select a Different Case or Select a Different Pleading/Motion/Other instead of continuing. Use only the navigation buttons at the bottom of each screen. Do not use the Back button on your browser.

28. The confirmation page appears.



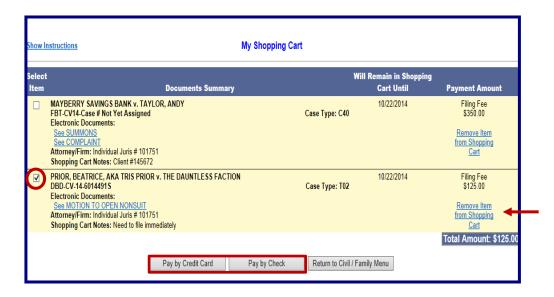
29. Print this **Confirmation page** for your records.

Note: You are required to print this screen or save it electronically for your file. If you do not print or save a copy of this screen, you can select **My E-Filed Items** from the **Civil/Family Menu** and view a list of your e-filings for a particular date or a particular period of time, up to thirty days. Click on **Details** next to the filing in the list that is displayed to obtain the confirmation page for the item.

Process a Payment for a Pleading/Motion

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- 31. Select either Pay by Credit Card or Pay by Check at the bottom of the screen
- 32. To pay by check, fill in the required fields for **Name**, **Routing/Transit Code**, **and Bank Account number**. You will enter account and routing code numbers twice. Click **Process Payment**

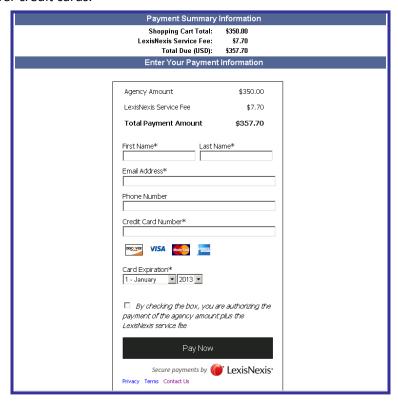
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Note: If you have a debit filter on your account, which means that the account holder has told the bank that only certain people/companies are allowed to debit your account, you must notify your bank to allow a debit on your account for e-filing payments. Otherwise, the debit will not be permitted by your bank and the e-check will be returned unpaid to the Judicial Branch. For additional information, please contact E-Services Support at (866) 765-4452.

33. To pay by credit card, fill in the fields for **first name and last name, e-mail address, telephone number (optional)**, **credit card number, and expiration date.** The Judicial Branch accepts Visa, American Express, MasterCard and Discover credit cards.



34. Click **Pay Now** after filling in all required information; a confirmation screen will appear with payment information on the total payment and document summary information on each document filed.



E-FILING A PLEADING/MOTION IN A CIVIL CASE WITH A PREPARED PDF DOCUMENT (CONTINUED)

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35. Print or save this confirmation page for your records. If you do not print this page, you can view and save a copy of the confirmation page by going to **My E-Filed Items** on the **Civil/Family Menu**, choosing a time frame of up to thirty days at a time, and selecting **Details** to the right of the item for which you need the confirmation page. If you select the payment number, you will see the **Payment Information** for the whole payment transaction.

System-populated forms are created within the e-filing system. The system takes the information already in the file and fills in the majority of the fields in the form. The six system-populated forms are appearances, reclaims, motions for continuance, withdrawals (except for withdrawals of appearance), certificates of closed pleadings, and jury claims. In family cases, only four system-populated forms are available: appearances, reclaims, motions for continuances and withdrawals (except for withdrawals of appearance. The process of filing a system-populated form is the same for either a family case or a civil case.

Note: Many other fillable forms are available on the website. To use those forms, click on Forms from the links on the Judicial Branch homepage. Fill in the form you wish to file and save it as a PDF document. You would then follow the steps for filing a Pleading/Motion with a **Prepared PDF Document**.

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- 2. Click on **E-Services** in the left menu to go to the E-Services Welcome Page:



- 3. Click **Log-in** at the bottom of the page; a **Security Alert** may appear
- 4. Click OK
- 5. Enter the juris number and password

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- 6. Click Login
- 7. Click Civil/Family Menu in the menu bar on the left of the screen

In addition to searching for a case **By Docket Number**, where you enter the docket number for the case, you can use two other options to search for the case on which you want to file:

Search By Party Name

- 8. To search by party name, click **By Party Name**, then type the name in the Party Name box
- 9. Click **Search** to display a list of all cases that have parties with the name provided.

Note: The name of any party or the first three letters of any name will generate an alphabetical list of cases. You may also filter and sort the cases by choosing a location, a case category, or an order for the display of the cases.

10. Click on the **Docket Number** of the case that you wish to select from the list of cases displayed.



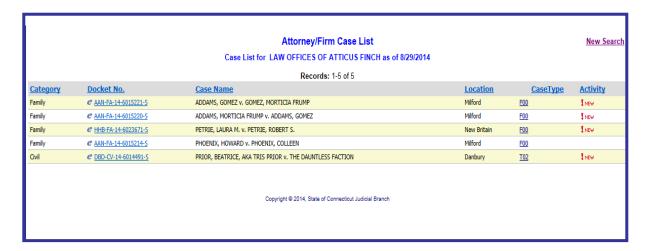
Search by List My Cases

- 11. To search for a case from a list of the cases in which the logged-in juris number has an appearance, click **List My Cases.**
- 12. The system will automatically populate the Juris Number field with the logged-in juris number, and the number cannot be changed.

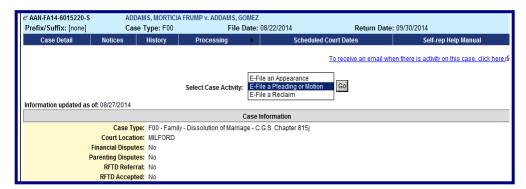
Note: If you would like to narrow your search further, you may also fill in the *Category*, *Location*, *Case Status*, *or Sort Order* fields. A case in which a judgment has been entered is a **disposed** case.



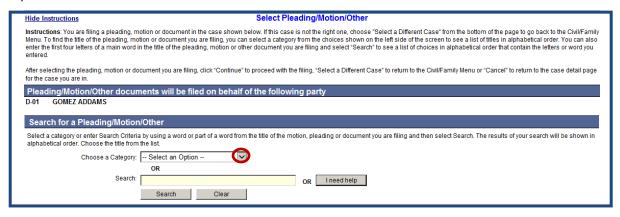
- 13. Click Search
- 14. Click on the **Docket Number** of the case that you wish to select from the list displayed



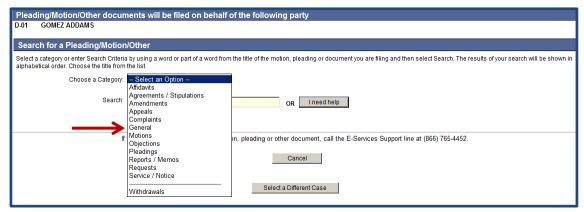
15. The **Case Detail** screen will appear. To view the document list, scroll down the page. To view judicial notices for the file, click on the **Notices** tab that appears on the left of your screen below the case name.



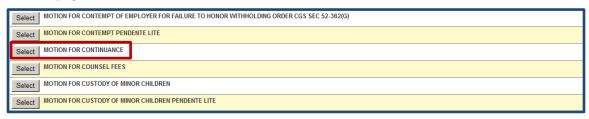
- 16. Click the drop-down arrow to the right of the Select Case Activity at the top of the screen to display the options
- 17. Click E-File a Pleading or Motion
- 18. Click GO to view the Select Pleading/Motion/Other options
- 19. Click the gray box to the left labeled Withdrawals
- 20. Click in the circle next to the item you wish to file
- 21. Select a category by clicking the down arrow to show the list of categories. The document being filed in this example is a motion for continuance.



22. Choose the **General** category to view a list of names in alphabetical order to choose from.



23. Scroll down the page to see Motion for Continuance:

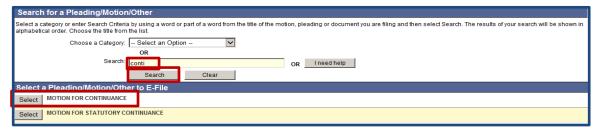


Note: A Motion for Continuance is a system-populated form. The e-filing system creates the document for you by completing sections on the form with information that is already in the system. You will then provide some additional information to complete the form.

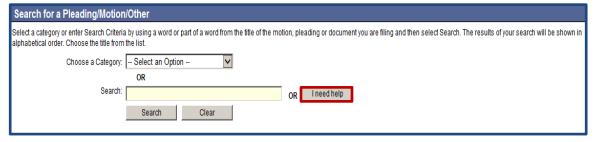
Please note that a withdrawal is another type of system-populated form. If you are filing a withdrawal, it is extremely important that you select the correct option. For example, if you are electronically withdrawing an action as to all defendants without costs, be sure to select **Withdrawal of Action** from the list of options available in e-filing. If you are withdrawing a motion, select that option from the list displayed. If you are withdrawing another type of document, you can select **Withdrawal** from the list of options. Once you make that selection, include the entry number and name of the document that you are withdrawing in the further description area. This information will appear on the form under the box marked **Other**.

The only time that you can fill in, save as a PDF and attach a withdrawal form is when you are filing a **Withdrawal in Part**.

- 24. Click **Select** next to **Motion for Continuance** to go to the next page
- 25. To use the search option instead of the categories, enter the first three or four letters of a word in the name of your document and click **Search**. In this example, conti was entered in the search area:
- 26. You will see a list of names that you can pick from. Click Select next to the one you want to use.

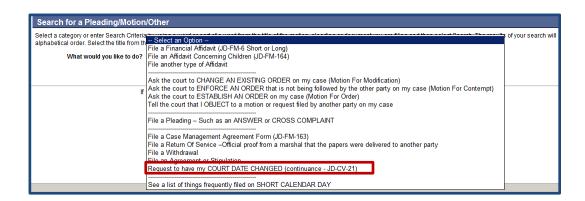


27. In family cases, a third search option is available. Click I need help for assistance in finding the name of the document you are filing.

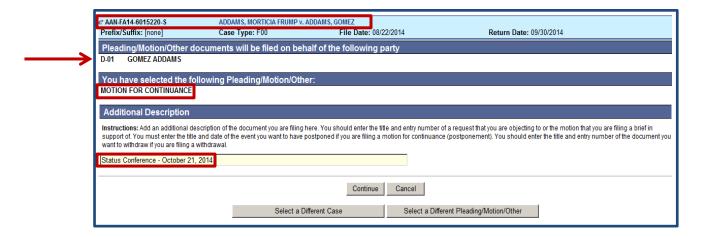


NOTE: The "I need help" box does not appear for *civil* cases.

28. Click the down arrow to display a list of options for relief you are requesting or documents you might need to file. Click on an option to see a list of the names of the documents filed most frequently in response to the option you selected. (screenshot on the next page)



- 29. When you find the name on the list that displays, choose **Select** to go to the next page and add additional information. You can choose one of the other buttons to go to a different case or cancel this filing.
- 30. Check to be sure that the case you have selected is the case you want to file in
- 31. Check that you have selected the correct name for your document
- 32. Enter an additional description of your document.



Note: Entering an additional description provides information that helps the Judge on the bench, attorneys and other self-represented parties, and the court staff. It is also required by the revised <u>Procedures and Technical</u> **Standards of E-Services**.

Use the additional description area to enter the date and type of event that you are asking the Court to postpone when you are filing a Motion for Continuance.

The information you enter in the additional description field will appear on the case detail page under the name of the motion you are filing.

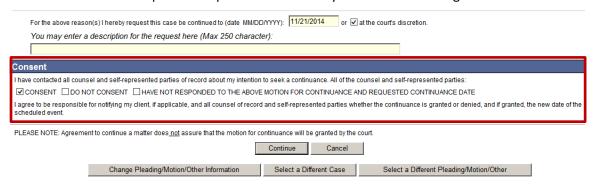
33. Choose **Continue** to go to the next page to give the information required in the form. You can choose one of the other buttons to go to a different case, select a different pleading or motion, or to cancel this filing.

Note: Use the gray buttons that appear at the bottom of each page to move around the e-filing system. Do not use the back or forward buttons on your browser to go to another page. If you use the back button or the forward button on your browser, you may lose the information that you have entered in the e-filing system and have to start your filing again.

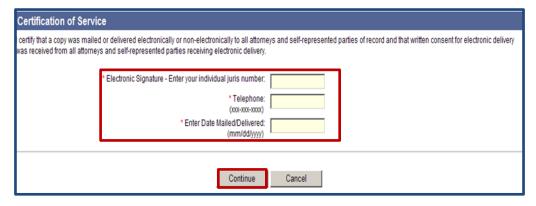
34. The following page displays:



- 35. Enter any required information that is marked with a red asterisk "*".
- 36. Indicate whether other self-represented parties and attorneys in the case have agreed to the continuance



- 37. Choose Continue to go to the next page.
- 38. Review the information on the Certification of Service screen
- 39. If necessary, add or change the Address of Service in the fields provided
- 40. Complete Other Service Information if necessary
- 41. Sign the Certification of Service by entering in your **individual juris number**, and enter your telephone number, and the date



42. Click the **Continue** button at the bottom of the page

43. Review the form that you are filing to be sure the information is correct

Note: E-filing does not review your document so you must look it over to make sure that it is correct. Please do not skip this step in the e-filing process. Click **View All Pages as PDF** to see the document.



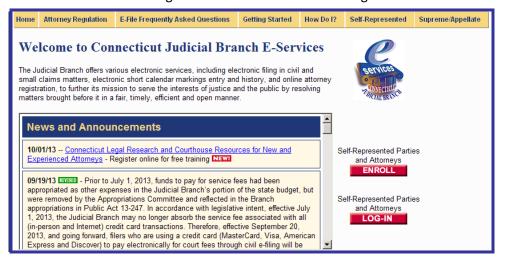
Note: Remember that Practice Book Section 13-10 requires you to provide all counsel of record and self-represented parties with a copy of anything you file with the Court. You can return to the case detail page after you have filed your document to view or print a copy of it. This must be done electronically if the other party has agreed to accept service electronically.

- 44. Click **E-File this Pleading/Motion**; a confirmation screen will appear
- 45. Print the **Confirmation of e-filed Transaction** screen that appears for your records
- 46. Print or save this confirmation page for your records. If you do not print this page, you can view and save a copy of the confirmation page by going to **My E-Filed Items** on the **Civil/Family Menu**, choosing a time frame of up to thirty days at a time, and selecting **Details** to the right of the item for which you need the confirmation page.

System-populated forms are created within the e-filing system. The system takes the information already in the file and fills in the majority of the fields in the form. The six system-populated forms are appearances, reclaims, motions for continuance, withdrawals (except for withdrawals of appearance), certificates of closed pleadings, and jury claims. The process of filing a reclaim in a family case is the same as the process for filing a reclaim in a civil case. Only family cases of the four specific case types filed on or after December 15, 2014 are e-filable, though. Check the docket number to be sure the case is e-filable. The number that follows the year is a **5** or a **6** in an e-filable case. If it is any other number, the case is not e-filable and you will not be able to file a reclaim of any motions electronically.

Note: Many other fillable forms are available on the website. To use those forms, click on <u>Forms</u> from the Quick Links on the right side of the Judicial Branch homepage. Fill in the form you wish to file and save it as a PDF document. You would then follow the steps for filing a Pleading/Motion with a Prepared PDF Document.

- 1. In the address bar, type http://www.jud.ct.gov
- 2. Click on **E-Services** in the left menu to go to the E-Services Welcome Page:



- 3. Click Log-In; a Security Alert may appear
- 4. Click OK
- 5. Enter the juris number and password

Note: All e-filing transactions will be attributed to the logged-in juris number. Generally, the log-in juris number is the firm juris number for this reason. The individual juris number of the attorney is used to sign documents. If you forget the password, click on **Forgot Password?** for help.



6. Click **Civil/Family Menu** in the menu bar on the left of the screen

Note: On this page, you will see a list of your cases in which recent activity has occurred. The red !New icon means activity has taken place in the last three days; the green !New icon means activity has taken place in the past fourteen days.

E-FILING A RECLAIM (CONTINUED)

7. Under **E-File on an Existing Case** on the e-filing menu, choose **List My Cases** to display a list of all cases in which you have an active appearance.

Note: You may also locate a case by choosing **By Docket Number** and filling in the requested fields with the location, category, year, and docket number or by name by choosing **By Party Name** and filling in the name of either the plaintiff or defendant. The name of any party or the first three letters of either name will be enough to generate a list of cases from which you can select your case.

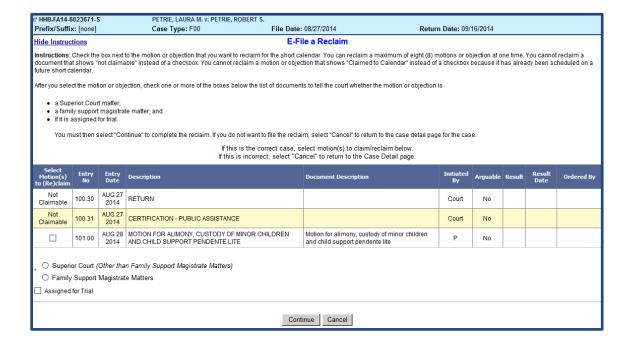
- 8. Click the docket number of the case you will be filing on
- 9. The **Case Detail** screen will appear; to view the document list or the complete appearances for your file, scroll down the page. To view judicial notices, click on the **Notices** tab just below the case name and docket number.



10. Click the drop-down arrow to the right of the **Select Case Activity** at the top of the screen to display all of your options

Note: If you have not yet filed an appearance in a case, the system will only offer you the option of filing an appearance when you click the drop-down arrow, but once you have filed your appearance it will show several options.

11. Choose **E-File a Reclaim**; then click **Go**. The following screen will appear:



12. Click in the box next to the motion that you are reclaiming

Note: You can't reclaim some documents that you file with the court. If the Judge does not need to take any action on the document, it does not go on a short calendar, and you can't reclaim it. For example, an answer, memorandum of law or a brief does not go on the short calendar so you will see "Not Claimable" next to them instead of a checkbox. If a motion or objection is already on a short calendar for a future date, you will see "Claimed to Calendar" next to it. You cannot reclaim something that is already on the short calendar.

13. Click in to indicate whether the case is a Superior Court matter, assigned for trial or a Family Support Magistrate Matter at the bottom of the page.

Note: For *civil* cases, the circle next to "Family Support Magistrate Matters" will be shaded in and unavailable as an option.

- 14. Check the box if the case is assigned for trial.
- 15. Choose Continue to go to the Certification of Service screen

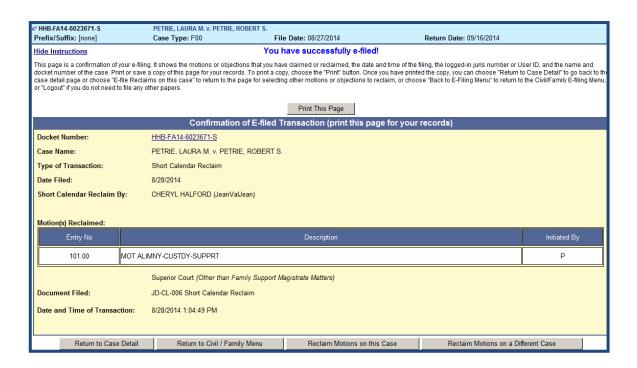


- 16. Add or change the Address of Service in the fields provided, If necessary
- 17. Complete Other Service Information if necessary
- 18. Complete Certification of Service by filling in your individual juris number, telephone number, and the date
- 19. Click Continue at the bottom of the page



E-FILING A RECLAIM (CONTINUED)

- 20. Review the pleading/motion that you are filing to be sure the information is correct
- 21. Click E-File this Reclaim at the bottom of the page; a confirmation page will appear



22. Print the Confirmation of e-filed Transaction page for your records. If you do not print this page, you can view and save a copy of the confirmation page by going to my e-filed items on the civil/family menu, choosing a time frame of up to thirty days at a time, and selecting details to the right of the item for which you need the confirmation page.

Locate a Case

There are three ways to locate a case in the e-filing system:

1. Click on List My Cases to show all of the cases in which you have an appearance

Note: If a judgment has entered in a case, such as a judgment of dissolution or a judgment in a condemnation case, be sure to choose **All Pending and Disposed Cases** to locate the case. A judgment is a disposition so that the case would appear as a disposed case, even though it is still active.

- 2. Click on By Party Name to show cases involving a particular party, either a plaintiff or a defendant
 - Type only the first letter or the first few letters of the last name to see a list of cases beginning with the letter(s) you have entered.
 - Do not type the entire name if you are uncertain about the spelling of the name, though, because the system will return no options on a misspelled name.
- 3. Click on By Docket Number only if you know the docket number of the particular case you wish to locate

Find the Name of a Motion, Pleading, or Document to File

By means of the search mechanism

- Use as few words as possible to describe the pleading you wish to find. (i.e., for a Motion to Set Aside a Verdict, simply type "set" or "aside.")
- Also type only the first letters of the word to find a document
- If you type key words in one order and get no hits, reverse the order and try again. For example, "jury claim" yields no results, but "claim jury" gives you the form.

By means of the categories

- Click on the down arrow to view a list of categories.
- Select the category of the pleading that you wish to file
- Most categories are self-explanatory and include documents that contain the main word listed. For example, an
 Objection to a Request to Revise is found in the Objections category, but the Request to Revise is found in the
 Requests category. The Affidavits category contains affidavits of all kinds.
- The General category includes most motions, demand for disclosure of defense, compliance, brief, acceptance of
 offer of judgment, application for capias, discovery responses, satisfaction of judgment, offer of proof, and return of
 record.
- The **Pleadings** category contains answers of all kinds, special defense, counterclaim, certificate of closed pleadings and replies of all kinds.

By means of the I NEED HELP mechanism (Family cases only)

- Click on the I Need Help button to display a list of options
- Select the option that applies to what you want to do or the document you want to file.
- Select the appropriate filing from the list of names of the most commonly filed documents displayed.
- If no option is appropriate, you can return to the search options to find another name.

If you cannot find the specific caption for the pleading, motion or document you wish to file, the e-filing system provides certain generic options, including **Motion for Order, Request, Notice,** and **Objection.** Do not use these options unless absolutely necessary.

Note: Be sure to add a further description of any document that you are filing. The revised <u>Procedures and Technical Standards of E-Services</u> requires you to include, in the description field that is provided in the e-filing system, the entry number or numbers of any other documents that are relevant to the document being filed.

The revised <u>Procedures and Technical Standards of E-Services</u> contains a section on corrective measures in e-filing. The most common options are listed here.

Correct an illegible or unreadable document

When a technical problem (readability of legibility errors) exists with a document e-filed by an attorney, the attorney may seek the substitution of the document by filing a **Motion to Substitute**. The "Proposed Document for Substitution" must be attached to the motion.

- 1. Choose Motion to Substitute Electronic Document from the options displayed under the General Category
- 2. Click Continue
- 3. Add an additional description ("Proposed document for substitution for summons and complaint") in the area provided;
- 4. Select party for whom the motion is being filed, if necessary;
- 5. Browse and attach the Motion and Proposed documents for Substitution that you have created and converted to PDF
- 6. Click **Continue** to go to the Review and Certify Pleading/Motion/Other screen
- 7. Click in the boxes to complete the certification and to indicate that your have attached an order page
- 8. Enter your **individual juris number** to sign your pleading and click **Continue**
- 9. Print or save a copy of the confirmation screen

Correct an incorrectly filed motion

1. Choose Withdrawal of Motion from the options in the Withdrawal Category; click Continue

Note: If you are withdrawing a filing that is <u>not</u> a motion, you will have the option of selecting **Withdrawal** from the list of options in the category.

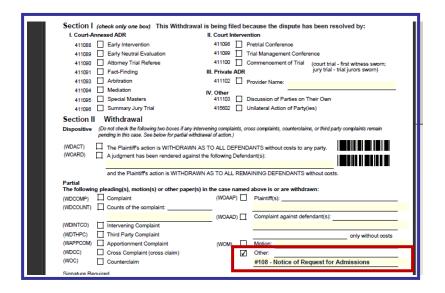
- 2. Add a further description of the document that you are filing and select the parties for whom you are filing the withdrawal of motion.
- 3. Click Continue
- 4. Enter the caption and entry number of the document you wish to withdraw in the space provided; you may also enter the reason for filing the withdrawal.
- 5. Enter your individual juris number and address and click **Continue**
- 6. Review the certification of service information and add additional information, if necessary
- 7. Enter your individual juris number (your signature), your telephone number and the date that you are mailing or delivering the pleading to counsel and appearing parties; click **Continue**
- 8. Review the withdrawal form
- 9. Click E-file this pleading

Note: The document that was incorrectly filed will remain viewable in the file even after you have filed your withdrawal, but no action will be taken it. The document may be sealed if the it contains personal identifying information in violation of P. B. Section 4-7 and the court or a party seeks relief under P.B. Section 11-20B, or upon motion, the Court grants such relief for other reasons. You must file a motion to seal personal identifying information if you are asking the court to seal personal identifying information under Section 11-20B.

10. Be sure to print or save a copy of the confirmation page that appears once you have successfully e-filed.

Correct an incorrectly filed pleading or other document

- 1. Choose Withdrawal from the options in the Withdrawal Category
- 2. Click Continue
- 3. Enter the name and entry number of the pleading or document you wish to withdraw in the further description field;
- 4. Select the parties for whom you are filing the withdrawal, and click **Continue**
- 5. You may enter a reason for the withdrawal on this page
- 6. Enter your individual juris number and address, and click Continue
- 7. Review the certification of service information and add additional information, if necessary
- 8. Enter your individual juris number (your signature), your telephone number and the date that you are mailing or delivering the pleading to counsel and appearing parties
- 9. Click Continue
- 10. Review the withdrawal form



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12. Be sure to print or save a copy of the confirmation page that appears once you have successfully e-filed.

Correct data entered incorrectly at the time of case initiation

To request that data incorrectly entered electronically at the time of case initiation be conformed to the correct information (case type, return date or party names) on the summons that was served, you may use *Request to Conform Case Initiation Data Entry to Summons, New 1/09* (JD-CL-96). This form is available from the Judicial Branch website at: http://www.jud.ct.gov

This request is a fillable form that can be filled in and saved as a PDF document, and then filed electronically.

When you file the completed form electronically, be sure to select **REQUEST TO CONFORM CASE INITIATION DATA ENTRY TO SUMMONS (JD-CL-96)** from the options available to ensure that the request comes to the attention of the clerk of the court.

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